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## Oregon Winter Wheat Seedings

### Oregon

Wheat producers in Oregon seeded 780,000 acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2007. This is up 3 percent from last year’s estimate of 760,000 acres, and down 6 percent from two years ago.

### United States

Planted area for harvest in 2007 is estimated at 44.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006. Seeding began last August and was slightly behind the 5-year average pace because of a lack of moisture in the southern Great Plains during September and much of October. Precipitation during mid-October relieved moisture concerns somewhat in major producing areas. Warm dry conditions in November allowed seeding to advance at normal pace during the month. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding should be completed this month in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated at 53 percent good to excellent compared with 52 percent last year.

Winter wheat: Area seeded by crop year, 2005-2007 <sup>1</sup>

Area	Crop year			2007/ 2006
	2005	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	830	760	780	103
Idaho	770	750	780	104
Washington	1,850	1,850	1,850	100
Pacific Northwest <sup>2</sup>	3,450	3,360	3,410	101
United States	40,433	40,575	44,089	109

<sup>1</sup> Total for all purposes.  
<sup>2</sup> Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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